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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES THERAPEUTIC SUMMIT TO MARK NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced a therapeutic summit supporting crime victims. The Monroe County Department of Public Safety and STOP-DWI Program will host the event in partnership with the Coalition for Crime Victims of Monroe County.

The summit will run from 1:30 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2023 with hybrid attendance options. The in-person option for the summit will be located at 75 Stutson Street and there is an option to join virtually via Zoom at registration. Attendees must register in advance at www.monroecounty.gov/communications-events. Refreshments will be provided thanks to the generous support of Foodlink.

"National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time to remember and support those in our community who have been victimized by crime, along with the many dedicated professionals and volunteers who advocate on their behalf," said Monroe County Executive Adam Bello. "This summit will help raise awareness of victims' rights and services, show victims that they are not alone and provide support for those whose lives have been forever altered by criminal actions."

The summit will raise awareness crime victims' rights and the services available to them. The event is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime and takes place during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, recognized this year from April 23 to 29.

"With the help of our incredible victim advocates, we have put together an event that we feel confident will bring healing to our community," said STOP-DWI Coordinator Lindsay Tomidy. "Attendees will gain a better understanding of their healing journey and be provided resources that will help continue the healing process beyond the event."

Workgroups will include self-care, mindfulness, resiliency, multigenerational trauma, primary emotions leading to anger, compassion fatigue, the science behind triggers, trauma responses, de-escalation, shame and re-storying, empowering dance and tools for regulation.

First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness of, and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2023 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Survivor Voices: Elevate, Engage, Effect Change."

Since 2004, the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project has provided financial and technical assistance to more than 1500 community projects. The "Monroe County Helping Crime Victims Thrive" hybrid summit was one of the 89 recommended and selected for funding from 151 applications submitted nationwide.

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